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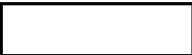
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Turkey: Anti-Americanism appears to be spreading in Turkey as a result of the Cyprus dispute.

Prime Minister Inonu, President Gursel, and other Turkish leaders are frequently quoted in the press as expressing bitterness over the US role in the Cyprus affair.

One press report states that Foreign Minister Erkin, who is scheduled to arrive in Washington on 26 April to attend the CENTO ministerial meeting, is bringing a letter from Inonu to President Johnson criticizing US policy regarding Cyprus and calling for greater US support for the Turkish position.

An unnamed Foreign Ministry official is said by the press to have stated that Turkey will withdraw from NATO if its allies "tread on our feet." One influential Turkish newspaper has called for withdrawal of the Turkish military contingent from Korea. US base rights in Turkey have also come under criticism.

Student groups, influenced by critical statements from some of their professors and possibly by elements in the press, may soon stage anti-American demonstrations in Istanbul and Ankara, possibly with tacit government approval.

Some of the criticism of the US seems to have resulted from a calculated effort by the government to put pressure on Washington, but a genuinely strong emotional reaction to the US' failure to support Turkey on Cyprus may be developing. It is doubtful, however, that under present circumstances the Turks would take drastic steps regarding the NATO relationship or US bases.

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Syria: The Baath regime is faced with its most serious security problem since the abortive pro-Nasir coup last July.

Government security forces had far more difficulty than they at first expected in quelling last week's antiregime disturbances in the city of Hama. A curfew there was lifted on 16 April but was quickly reimposed when violence broke out again. Extra troops were rushed to the city, and a number of people evidently were killed and much property was destroyed in the ensuing fighting.

Security forces apparently are now in control and the curfew was lifted again yesterday. There has been no violence in other major cities. Most of the merchants in Damascus, however, have closed their shops in an antigovernment protest. The population in the capital is stocking food supplies in anticipation of trouble.

There is general antagonism toward the regime and mounting opposition among conservatives to its efforts to socialize the country's economy. New disturbances are virtually certain.

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*Cuba: Fidel Castro's speech of 19 April, which contained his first strong attack on the Johnson administration, suggests that he may be preparing to go on the diplomatic offensive again.

The speech contrasts markedly with others he has delivered since 2 January. These earlier speeches radiated confidence in Cuba's domestic and international prospects and showed a careful and sometimes almost conciliatory public attitude toward the US.

In Sunday's speech Castro revealed his intention to deliver another note to the United Nations denouncing various "provocations and violations" against Cuba by the US. He detailed various alleged provocations by US personnel at the Guantanamo Bay naval base and referred in passing--as he has occasionally in the past--to US violations of Cuban airspace.

These actions by the US, Castro charged, demonstrate its "increasing aggressiveness," and he called on the Cuban armed forces--including "our surface-to-air missiles"--to be prepared for any eventuality.

Castro's lengthy references to the recent revolt in Brazil suggest that he regards it as a serious setback for Cuba. The Brazilian rebellion, he said, was "part of the long-range strategy of imperialism against Cuba," and Cuba can expect new attempts to isolate it in this hemisphere.

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Communist China - International: Peiping scored some gains at the preparatory meeting for the second Afro-Asian conference, now scheduled for March 1965.

Members of the Indian delegation told the US ambassador that the Chinese had "dominated" the meeting, which was held in Djakarta from 10 to 15 April. The Indians described Foreign Minister Chen Yi, sent to Djakarta at the last minute as head of Peiping's group, as "floor manager" of the conclave.

The principal Chinese success was to block an Indian attempt to secure admittance of the Soviet Union to the full conference.

The Chinese are probably also pleased by the decision to hold the plenary conference in Africa, which will permit them to demonstrate their importance in an area in which they have great interest.

The final communiqué, however, indicates that the Chinese did not have their way on every important issue. The decision of the preparatory conference to delay the full meeting until March 1965 was a setback. The Chinese had desired an earlier date, probably in the hope of countering the rival meeting of nonaligned nations. This conference, pushed by Tito and Nasir, is scheduled to be held this fall.

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UN: France may be preparing to reverse its position and pay its share of the costs of the UN Congo and Gaza peace-keeping operations. According to an Australian official, a French jurist has said that Paris is studying how this could be done after the Congo operation ends on 30 June. The Nigerian UN representative said that a reversal by the French might create opportunities to bring pressure on the Soviet Union to pay its share. Other African representatives suggested that this might be accomplished by means of a request for payment by the African chiefs of state who are scheduled to meet in Cairo in July.

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